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Police Officer Struck by Car Dies

Marshfield driver charged with vehicular homicide

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A Duxbury police officer struck by a car at the Marshfield Fair has died, and Marshfield police have added vehicular homicide to the list of charges the car's driver is now facing.

Mel Dyer, 67, of Marshfield, died around 10:05 p.m. Monday night, Duxbury Police Chief Mark DeLuca said at a brief press conference Tuesday afternoon outside the Duxbury Police Station on West Street.

"He was an extraordinary man," DeLuca said.

Kristen Wustaney, 25, of Marshfield, is also being charged with failure to stop for a police officer, speeding, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle, according to Marshfield Police Captain Phil Tavares. The accident occurred as Dyer was directing traffic on Aug. 16.

Dyer's family was in attendance at the press conference, but DeLuca said they would not be commenting to reporters.

Dyer had been with the Duxbury Police Department as a special police officer for about a year, DeLuca said. He worked at the Marshfield Rod and Gun Club, where many Duxbury police officers get



Duxbury Police Chief Mark DeLuca addressed reporters outside the Duxbury Police Station about the death of Mel Dyer, a Duxbury special police officer who was killed while working a traffic detail at the Marshfield Fair. See duxburyclipper.com for a video of the press conference.

their firearms training. DeLuca said Dyer approached him about becoming a special police officer.

"That was what his whole life was about ... he epitomized community service," DeLuca said.

In addition to being a police officer, Dyer was a Marine veteran and had worked for the Plymouth County Sheriff's office.

"He was a great guy," DeLuca said. "Whatever we needed he did, and did it with a smile."

Funeral arrangements were still pending, he said.

As of press time, Wustaney had not been arraigned in Plymouth District Court. A family member who answered the phone at the Wustaney residence in Marshfield said there would be no comment.